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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock—

Last week we wrote about the pernicious influence wielded by the irreligious press. However, the greatest harm is not done by the professed anti-Christian journalist, but by the worldly-minded editor who, for the sake of greater gain, serves the kind of daily literature diet, that will interest the greatest number of people.

In the United States, for instance, the strictly anti-Christian press is not prominent. Even the anti-Catholic press might be passed over, though it reaches millions of non-Catholics, whom Catholic journalism does not reach. Less than 10,000,000 among the 110,000,000 peoples of our land are reached by Catholic papers and periodicals, and this 10 per cent represents our own people. One non-Catholic layman reaches twice as many American people every day through his string of papers, as the whole Catholic Church reaches through her religious papers once a week. Fully 100,000,000 never read a favorable word about the Catholic Church, unless it be an occasional comment on some Catholic happening, or a brief report of a sermon or lecture delivered by a Catholic churchman. This occasional favorable notice is offset a hundred times by the unfair treatment, which the Church receives in the news or editorial columns of our dailies, or in contributed articles; it is offset by the false philosophy, by the seeming sanction of immoral practices, by rationalistic teaching, etc. The editors of the secular journals are the servants of those who employ them, and when the owner has no special interests to further, he must still make his paper pay, and does it by catering to the pagan appetites of the people.

Editors take account of the fact that 60,000,000 people, who remain aloof from all churches, are not interested in religion, and therefore it is not served to them. Doctrinal religion or anything that would incite even controversial thoughts in the 24,000,000, who belong to 400 different brands of Protestantism, must be kept under cover. Then because we live in an age when it is regarded as fashionable, as a mark of culture, to discredit what was believed in the mis-named "Dark Ages," the editor today must defend all the unproved theories of higher criticism. Editors have learned from experience that Catholics will endure much abuse; that feeble protests from an insignificant number of their readers are the only echoes heard after the publication of some shameful slander, directed against the Church or some Catholic organization. They have learned on the other hand that friendliness towards Rome or the giving to Rome her just due will never build up a huge circulation; and of course, advertising and profits depend on circulation.

Secular papers often help intensify the existing prejudices against the Catholic Church, by what they do not print in connection with a news story. We have a case in point in the profound silence of American editors relative to the barbarous treatment of good people in Mexico.

It should be more generally known what a wonderful news-gathering agency the National Catholic Welfare Conference has established. It has reporters in all the capital cities of Europe, and in each instance they are men who are noted equally well for their scholarship and fairness.

Those who report for the Associated Press must send news day by day, and send it quickly. Because of this, rumor is frequently cabled over here as fact and what is partly fact is not scrupulously told. It is safe, therefore, to declare that people must read Catholic papers in order to have absolute certainty that what they read is the truth.

It cannot be disputed that the Daily Press, the secular magazine, the modern novel, are seldom on the right side of moral questions. Their editors lack a proper conception of the Church; they are poorly versed in history; they assume that the spirit of the world is always right; yet they pretend to speak with infallible authority as scientists, historians, theologians. A Harvard professor, writing in the

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The Bishop left a few days ago on a short vacation during which he will be entertained by several members of the hierarchy. Any communications relating to parish business should be directed by priests to the Chancery Office. The Bishop expects to return about February 15th.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. PATRICK J. CROSSON IS ATTENDED BY MANY PRIESTS.

Venerable Priest of Fort Wayne Diocese Near Fiftieth Anniversary of His Ordination in Fort Wayne.

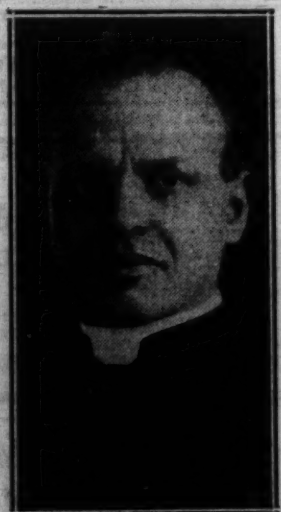
The Rev. Patrick Joseph Crosson, 75, rector emeritus of St. Vincent de Paul's church, Logansport, and one of the most widely known priests of the diocese of Fort Wayne in which he labored nearly half a century, passed to his reward Wednesday, January 18. His death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital, Logansport, where he had resided for several months following an extended period of ill health. It had necessitated his retirement from parochial duties nearly two years ago when he succeeded at St. Vincent's by the Rev. James H. Durham. Held in high regard, love and esteem by clergy and laity, his life marked by zealous, self-sacrificing labors in the vineyard of the Master, the venerable priest was nearing the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, which took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, April 25, 1878. The Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred on the young Levite by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Dwenger, D. D., second Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. With nearly sixty diocesan priests in attendance and with hundreds of the laity assisting at the impressive services, the funeral of Father Crosson was held last Monday morning from St. Vincent's church, Logansport. His remains had rested there in state from Sunday afternoon and from that time until the hour of the funeral immense numbers had filed past the casket paying their respects to the devoted priest.

Chanting of the Office of the Dead by the assembled clergy at 9:30 o'clock was followed by the Solemn Requiem High Mass celebrated by the Rev. Robert J. Pratt, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Kokomo. The Rev. William D. Sullivan, pastor of St. Bernard's church, Crawfordsville, was deacon; the Rev. Aloysius Copenolle, pastor St. John's church, Earl Park, subdeacon; the Rev. James P. Durham, of St. Vincent's, and the Rev. Victor Mag-sam, assistant at St. Joseph's, Logansport, masters of ceremonies. The Rev. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector of St. Mary's church, Lafayette, delivered

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Atlantic Monthly, truly stated that "the public is at the mercy of the lords of the press." This is certainly pitiful, but it is a fact with which we have to reckon, and a condition which it seems humanly impossible to overcome. Only the Catholic Church can steer society safely, and only the sound philosophy taught in Catholic schools of journalism can counteract the false views on moral and social questions so widely circulated by editors who are now in control of the press.

*John Francis Roll
Sp. of St. Wayne*



NEW ST. LOUIS U. DEAN.
Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla,
S. J., head of the medical school
of the University, has received
congratulations from the St.
Louis Medical Society. (Strauss
Photo)



FAMOUS AMERICAN ACE A CATHOLIC. Frank Luke, Jr., the only airman ever awarded the Congressional medal of honor, is now the subject of articles in "Liberty Magazine" and many daily newspapers. He was killed in action in October, 1918. He was a member of Immaculate Conception parish, Phoenix, Arizona. Both his parents were of German birth. (War Department Photo)

Current Catholic Events.

COMPLETION OF DOME OF NATIONAL SHRINE BY DEC. 1928, IS NEW GOAL

Washington.—To mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception which occurs on December 8, 1929, those in charge of the building of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University of America have set the completion of the dome as their goal. Novenas will be said invoking the aid of the Blessed Mother in the accomplishment of this purpose.

PRESIDENT OF N.C.W. TAKES AN AIRPLANE TRIP TO DETROIT

Detroit.—Miss Mary G. Hawks and Mrs. Wallace C. Benham, president and first vice-president, respectively, of the National Council of Catholic Women, came by airplane from Cleveland to this city to attend the dedication recently of the headquarters of the League of Catholic Women's Activities and Residence Club for Girls. It was the first time either Miss Hawks or Mrs. Benham had ever ridden in an airplane.

ANCIENT CATHEDRAL IN POLAND RESTORED

Warsaw.—Through the efforts of Msgr. Joseph Teodorowicz, Armenian Catholic Archbishop of Leopold, the cathedral of Leopold, Poland, has recently been restored. The oldest part dates back to the fourteenth century. This part, which forms the transept and apse of the present cathedral, contains complicated fluting, ornamental pilasters, and interesting mural paintings, which are considered works of art.

The principal nave dates back to the seventeenth century. The mural decorations of this part of the cathedral have recently been done by Jan Henryk Rosen.

CATHOLIC NAVAL HERO BURIED WITH HONORS

Washington.—Lieut. Comdr. Walter Atlee Edwards, U.S.N., recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and author of one of the most heroic pages in American naval history, who died here recently and was buried, with full military honors, in Arlington Cemetery, was a Catholic and a graduate of Villanova College, Villanova, Pa. Comdr. J. T. Casey, U.S.N., Naval Chaplain at the Marine base, Quantico, Va., and the Rev. Francis P. Lyons, C.S.P., Superior of St. Paul's College here, officiated at the funeral.

NUNS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH IN EARTHQUAKE

Nairobi, East Africa.—Attendance at devotions in the chapel instead of being in their rooms saved the lives of the nuns stationed at the Catholic mission at Fort Hall, when a heavy stone wall, shaken by a severe earthquake shock, collapsed and demolished the building in which the dormitory was located. Falling debris smashed beds and furniture and left the place a complete wreck.

NEW \$1,500,000 CATHOLIC COLLEGE AT MORAGA, CALIF.

Oakland.—The new \$1,500,000 St. Mary's College at Moraga, ten miles from here, will be completed and opened next September. It has just been announced. The old college, now located in Oakland, was founded by the Christian Brothers sixty-four years ago.

SALE OF LIQUOR AT IRISH HUNT BALLS PROHIBITED

Dublin.—District Justice Goff has prohibited the sale of alcohol at the Louth County Hunt Ball. In doing so he said that he was influenced by what had been preached and written by the clergy and hierarchy on the subject.

FIRST JAPANESE BISHOP TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES

New York.—The Right Reverend Januarius Hayasaka, who was consecrated recently in Rome, is making his return trip to Japan and will come by way of the United States. He will sail from Havre by the steamer De Grasse on February 8, arriving in New York on Friday the 17th.

ENGLISH CATHOLICS PLAN TO CELEBRATE CORONATION OF POPE

London.—A new popular demonstration of loyalty and devotion to the Holy See will be inaugurated in England on Sunday, February 12, by the solemn celebration at Westminster Cathedral of the sixth anniversary of Pope Pius XI's coronation. This country will thus follow the example of Catholic and other continental countries, where the anniversaries of papal coronations are always specially observed.

MEMORIAL CATHOLIC CHURCH NEAR CAIRO TO FALLEN BRITISH

London.—A church which will be the only British memorial to all ranks of the Mediterranean and Egyptian Expeditionary Forces who were killed in the World War, was begun on the feast of St. Barbara, at Heliopolis Camp, Cairo, states a report received here.

WOMAN LAWYER BECOMES NUN

Detroit.—The many friends of Miss Petronilla M. Joachim, practicing attorney, experienced aviatrix and winner of a number of cups in tennis competition, were surprised to learn recently that she had entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Dominic to become affiliated with that order.

PIETRO A. YON, PREMIER ORGANIST, DELIGHTS HUNDREDS AT CONCERT

Brilliant Musician of International Prominence
Gives Concert at St. Peter's Church,
Fort Wayne.

Pietro A. Yon added another city to the ever lengthening list of those which have already proclaimed him a genius when he appeared in an organ concert at St. Peter's church, Fort Wayne, Tuesday night. With a remarkable display of virtuosity and skill he held the immense audience spellbound and proved to many that never before had they really "heard" an organ.

Maestro Yon, who is the organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, and ranked among the greatest organists now living, played himself into the hearts of his auditors who, almost amazed at his wonderful mastery of

the instrument, were nevertheless captivated by his no less mastery of phrasing, orchestration and expression, always so emphasizing the melody that it was easily followed.

His appearance in the Fort Wayne parish was under the auspices of the Rev. Charles H. Thiele, rector, and his parishioners, and the concert proved the outstanding musical event in Fort Wayne this season. In a program both ancient and modern he gave a most impressive demonstration of his skill. There are few masters of the organ who have as fine a command of tech-

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PIETRO A. YON

SENATE DEMOCRATS UPHOLD ROBINSON IN HEFLIN REBUKE

Senator Robinson's Tribute to Heroism Of Catholic Nuns

Washington.—In his rebuke of Senator Heflin for his anti-Catholic tirade, Senator Robinson told in the following touching terms why today he is "not quick to ridicule or censure or defame the name of a Catholic nun."

"When I was a child, plague swept the city of Memphis, Tenn. My eye could not read because of my youth, but by the bedside one evening my father read in the New York Sun a story which made me appreciate the Catholic nun. Every home in Memphis was assailed by the plague. The story was that throughout the night carts laden with uncoffined bodies were being hurried out to new graveyards where burials took place without ceremony. Men, women, and children were fleeing in every direction. The plague shrouded the city and forecast the doom of thousands.

"The Sun recounted the story that three women in the robes of Catholic nuns left the city of Baltimore on a train for the scene of sorrow, desolation and death. These three women went into the face of danger, and fearlessly and resignedly sought to relieve the sufferings of their fellow beings.

"When at last the plague was lifted and the people began to return to their homes in Memphis and take up the affairs and duties of life again these three nuns had themselves fallen victims to the plague. They had died literally in efforts to relieve the sufferings of others; and out in an unknown graveyard, in graves that are unmarked to this day and will remain unmarked until the final judgment day, they sleep the sleep that has no waking.

"In all the years that have come and gone since then I have not been quick to ridicule or censure or defame the name of a Catholic nun."

Leader of Minority Is Given Overwhelming Vote of Confidence As Result of Alabama's Senator's Challenge—Senator Bruce Threatened to Leave Party if Heflin's Baiting of Catholics Were Not Repudiated.

Washington.—The long-suffering Democratic membership of the United States Senate, after withholding its hand for months, soundly rebuked its fellow party member, Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama, for his persistent, wearying attacks on the Catholic Church and its members on the Senate floor.

It administered the rebuke after Heflin, who has admitted under oath that he took money from Klansmen and Protestant ministers for attacking Catholics in speeches last summer, became so bold yesterday as to challenge the leadership of the Senate chief of his party when that official, on the floor of the Senate, condemned Heflin's continuing anti-Catholic speeches. The Alabamian had included Governor Smith of New York in a wild onslaught, asserting that he could not be nominated for President because of his religion.

The rebuke took the form of a vote of confidence in Senator Robinson, the Democratic Senate leader, following the acrimonious exchange of the two men on the floor of the Senate. Senator Robinson called the caucus for the avowed purpose of finding out whether the Senator from Alabama is entitled to discredit millions of good citizens of the United States in the name of the Democratic party because of their religion."

With 36 of the 45 Democratic Senators present, the ballot was 36 to 1 to sustain Robinson. Senator Robinson himself and Senator Black, Heflin's colleague from Alabama, were excused from voting, but three of the absent Senators sent in their votes. Trammell of Florida cast the one dissenting vote. He said he did not believe the party caucus should pass on such a question between two Senators.

Vote on the Resolution.

Those who voted their confidence in Senator Robinson were: Broussard, Louisiana; Wagner, New York; Shephard, Texas; Tydings, Maryland; Steck, Iowa; Walsh, Montana; Harris, Georgia; Thomas, Oklahoma; Mayfield, Texas; Simmons, North Carolina; Harrison, Mississippi; Fletcher, Florida; Ferris, Michigan; Gerry, Rhode Island; Bruce, Maryland; Swanson, Virginia; Barkley, Kentucky; Hawes, Missouri; Bayard, Delaware; Pittman, Nevada; Kendrick, Wyoming; Caraway, Arkansas; Walsh, Mas-

sachusetts; Overman, North Carolina; King, Utah; Glass, Virginia; McKellar, Tennessee; Copeland, New York; George, Georgia; Tyson, Tennessee; Wheeler, Montana; Bratton, New Mexico, and Stephens, Mississippi.

In the conference, Senators Bruce and Copeland, among others, made strong declarations against bigotry. Bruce was particularly emphatic. He said:

"Senator Heflin framed an indictment against 18,000,000 good citizens, and the party itself would have been subject to misconception had no defense been made. Senator Robinson, as the leader, very promptly made it. Others, including myself, would have done it, if he had not.

"Bigotry drove the Catholics into the Democratic party, and this bigotry will drive them into the Republican camp. If the Democratic party is to become a Catholic-baiting party, I for one will get out of it.

"It is an evil day when a candidate like Governor Smith, whose fitness is universally recognized, should be attacked on religious grounds."

Heflin spent most of the day insisting that he had not been rebuked. On the floor, he intimated that he had not known the caucus was to be held, and thus attempted to explain his absence. Before the Senate, however, and in a two-hour talk to correspondents, he insisted that the caucus action was not a rebuke to him, at the same time asserting that he would continue his attacks.

Senator Moses, twitting Heflin on the floor on the whole incident, declared caustically in reply that his conduct had constituted a "complete and abrupt surrender."

The whole matter, which for two days has occupied chief attention in Washington, was precipitated when Heflin spoke virtually all morning, repeating flamboyant charges against Catholics which the Senate has heard from him many times before. After hours of his tirade, Senator Robinson interjected and was joined by other Senators in declaring, in effect, that Heflin's charges were false. Senator Robinson said that he was "sick and tired" of hearing them repeated. Thereupon the Alabamian challenged Robinson's leadership, and in a bitter

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"TAR AND FEATHERS" MISTAKE, SAYS HEFLIN.

Washington.—Two days after the rebuke of the Senate Democrats was delivered to Senator Heflin of Alabama for his continued tirades against Catholics finds newspapers, organizations and individuals still flaying the Alabamian and his actions as shameful and disgraceful.

One effect has been that Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader of the Senate, who denounced Heflin on the floor and was upheld for it by the party caucus, has been deluged with telegrams of congratulation

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BELOVED MONSIGNOR AIDS CATECHISTS

Riesenbeck, Westfalen, Germany, December 20, 1927

Reverend J. J. Sigstein,
Victory-Noll, Huntington, Ind.
Dear Friend:

Please find enclosed draft for \$150.00 as my Christmas gift for the great work of the Catechists in the Mexican missions. I also ordered \$200.00 from my account with the treasury of St. Mary's parish to be transmitted to you, in my name, for the same purpose. I suppose you have been informed of my wish that this amount should be credited to St. Mary's parish as is always done when I contribute.

You see, dear friend, that although I am far away, I am still with you and your work and shall, with God's help, be so until He calls me to His eternal home. I pray every day in my prayers and especially in my Mass for your work in the Mexican missions. I also pray especially for this intention every day in my hour's adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

So you know, dear friend, that I am with you for good. I am sure that yourself and your Catechists will always pray for me.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in Christ,

J. H. OECHTERING.

The above letter received from good Monsignor Oechtering, by the Catechists, was one of their most highly treasured Christmas gifts. In their work, so devoid of human consolation, it means much to receive the encouragement and prayers of one of God's noblest priests, who has always shown himself a true friend of the poor, neglected souls in the missions. The missionary activities inaugurated and carried on by good Monsignor

Oechtering during his long pastorate in St. Mary's parish, have been blessed with wonderful spiritual fruits. The Catechists rejoice that Father Haster, Monsignor Oechtering's successor as Pastor of St. Mary's parish, is taking a deep interest in the missionary activities carried on by the good ladies of his parish. During the past year St. Mary's parish contributed \$181.77 for the support of the Catechists.



GIVEN FEDERAL POST.
Chas. J. Riley, St. Louis University alumnus, has been appointed District Attorney for the Panama Canal Zone. He served in the World War.

PRIEST-SENATOR OPPOSES BIRTH CONTROL

Father Rutten, of Order of Preachers, Makes Forceful and Eloquent Reply to the Only Lady Member of Belgian Senate—Defends Celibacy of Priests.

Louvain.—Mrs. Spaak, the lonely lady member of the Belgian Senate, where she represents the Labor Party, although she belongs to the capitalistic class by reason of her large fortune, in the course of the discussion on the bill for the increase of familial allocations, unbridled parents for rearing many children.

Father Rutten, of the Order of Preachers, who represents the Democratic wing of the Catholic Party in the Higher House, replied to his colleague's disparagement of large families. He said:

Rebuke to Birth-Control Advocate
"Wishing to avoid the discussion of delicate questions and not to wound anybody's feelings, I did not insist upon the reasons of a moral order for which it is important, particularly at this time, not to discourage large families."

"The Honorable Mrs. Spaak will permit me to regret that she has seen fit to make use of her right to ignore my suggestions and that she has made herself the champion here of an independent and pagan morality clearly irreconcilable with the morality of Christianity."

"Really, Madam, is it opportune to tell the country from the floor of the Senate that this is not the time to multiply young hungry mouths?"

"Is it possible for you to ignore that far too many egotistical couples deduct from affirmations such as yours conclusions against which your dignity as woman and mother protests?"

"You know as well as I do, that far too many households, claiming to be liberated from all dogmatic restraint, do no longer admit that a law superior to their personal conveniences governs the transmission of life. They leave it to their neighbors, held to be richer, to care for the future and for the independence of the country. And this neighbor, if he, too, is emancipated, will not be long in discovering another neighbor still richer to whom he will entrust the task of seeing to the future of the country."

"Have we not enough places as it is, possessed of the sad privilege of being called 'tomb-cities,' cities annually calling for more coffins than cradles?"

"Has our honorable colleague never perceived any echoes of the anguished cries from our neighbors to the South in denunciation of a plague that destroys more human lives every year than the bloodiest of battles? War

brought to numberless mothers pangs more painful by far than those resulting from the charges of a large family. It cannot be that anyone could still be found unaware of the Germans' claim, long before the breaking out of the war, that they anticipated the depopulation of France to attack it at the moment most suitable to their purpose. At an epoch when the means of communication and the international relations keep on multiplying, the pacific or violent invasion of countries with a reduced birth rate by countries with a teeming population is as fatal a phenomenon as that of the leveling of the water in communicating vessels."

Replying to a tirade of the Socialist Senator de Brouckere, who found fault with his answer to Mrs. Spaak, Father Rutten still said:

"I feel loath to have the Senate remain under the impression that I had any intention whatever of making an attack upon Mrs. Spaak. We never interrupt Mrs. Spaak; but we cannot refrain from protesting with all our might when she takes up the defense in this house of dangerous theories whose conclusions would make the woman and mother she is, blush for shame, if she could but see to what they lead among some people."

"Mr. de Brouckere has tried to cause the debate to deviate by introducing Protestant doctrine. Let him read the history of Protestantism and he will readily come to see the difference between its weakness and our strength."

"But Mr. de Brouckere knows very well that in the philosophical field a chasm separates the Socialists from ourselves. Once more has he demonstrated the impossibility of bridging that chasm."

Celibacy of Priests Defended
"In conclusion I want to answer once for all that vulgar joke priests are hailed with when they speak of births, 'and you then!'"

"You know very well that the celibacy of priests and of Religious is not a celibacy of sybarites and egotists. You know as well as we do that if we do not found a hearth of our own, it is to enlarge the family that is ours, a family composed of the poor, the sick, the unfortunate. In your inmost hearts you feel quite well that nothing is more beautiful. Therefore, instead of sneering, you ought to bend low at sight of the paternal love of virgin souls."

Catholic Charities' Annual Meeting Held

George M. Haffner Elected President—Miss Connor's Report Shows Progress.

Election of officers and presentation of the 1927 report by Miss Hannah Connors, secretary of activities, featured the annual meeting of the Associated Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne, held at the Catholic Community Center Tuesday afternoon. The Rt. Rev. Bishop is honorary president of the Association; George M. Haffner, treasurer since its organization, was elected president; Frank J. Gilmartin, secretary; Martin App treasurer. The executive committee is formed by the Rev. Charles H. Thiele, Joseph E. Till and Mrs. Edward Gilmartin.

Besides the pastors of Fort Wayne churches the board includes: the Rev. Edward Fallon, George P. Phillips, John Kappel, William G. Keane, Mrs. Edward Disser, Mrs. John Beckman, Mrs. Ben Harber.

Miss Hannah Connors was re-appointed secretary in charge of activities and is ably assisted by Miss Cecilia Fink.

The annual report of Miss Connors read at the meeting was the subject of much favorable comment by the board, who was unstinted in its praise of the efficiency exhibited in the management of the affairs of the Association during the past year.

In more than 500 cases financial aid has been extended, which required a total of more than 3,000 visits in the interest of clients of the Association. As many as fourteen visits a day are made by Miss Connors in discharge of her duties.

While the Associated Catholic Charities is affiliated with the Community chest and participates in the allotment of funds of that organization, the added help received from charitably-inclined individuals, societies and business houses enables it to carry on to a degree which would otherwise be hampered on account of lack of funds and the Associated Catholic Charities feels that its work has been augmented by the help received from other agencies and is very appreciative of such aid which has added to the comfort of hundreds of residents of Fort Wayne.

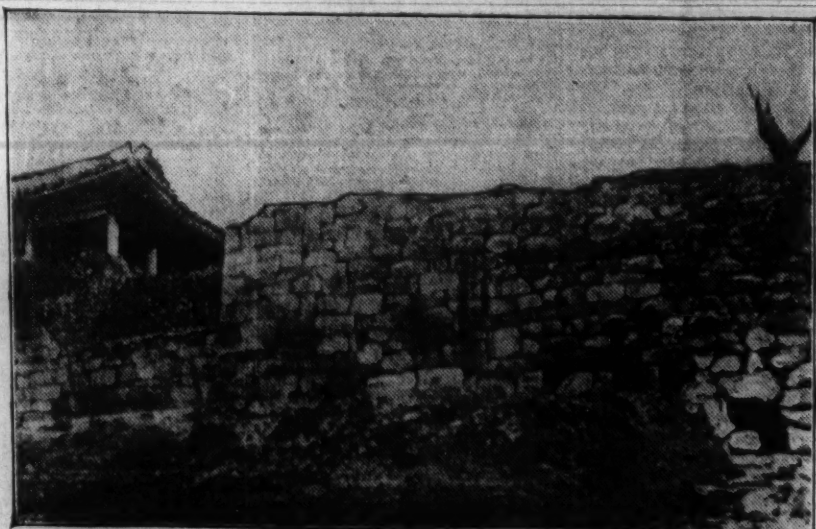
The election of Mr. Haffner as president of the Association which he has so faithfully served as treasurer since its organization, is a compliment to his ability and is a recognition well deserved.

Magazine, Newspaper Apostolate, Started at Spring Hill College

Mobile, Ala.—The germ of a new crusade, somewhat analogous to the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, has been inaugurated at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala. A number of Spring Hill students have banded themselves together for the purpose of countering, by the diffusion of sound scholastic principles, the pernicious philosophies which monopolize magazine and press today. By means of letters, the Spring Hill College philosophers will combat dangerous errors which appear in magazines and newspapers concerning logic, ethics, psychology and history of philosophy, and will thus offset in some measure the intellectual poison that seeps daily into the minds of hundreds of thousands of readers. A special section of the club will attempt to grapple with the myriad slurs hurled each month at the Church—slurs which, when unanswered, usually result in hardened bigotry.

The movement begun at Spring Hill College will, it is hoped by the founders, spread to other institutions, and result in the formation of a new organization—the Catholic Students' Neo-Scholastic Crusade.

Mrs. Brown: Grocer, do you really think sardines are healthy?
Grocer: Well, ma'am, I've had a lot of 'em in here in the last twenty years, and I never heard one of 'em complain.



MARYKNOLLERS BUY HISTORIC LANDMARK IN KOREA. At the lower right of the picture is shown the hole in the wall through which some of the earliest European Catholic missionaries to enter the kingdom crept secretly into the city of Gishu, in 1839. They suffered martyrdom in a persecution the "Holy Gate" which is included in the purchase by the Maryknoll Fathers in charge of the American mission at Gishu.

DEMOCRAT LEADERS CONDEMN BIGOTRY



SOON READY FOR DEDICATION. The inauguration of this new headquarters of the League of Catholic Women's Activities and Residence Club for Girls, at Detroit, took place January 18. Besides administrative offices, cafeteria, auditorium, lounges, etc., the building will provide accommodations for 250 young women. The Catholic Women's League has a membership approximating 12,000. (Manning Photo.)

ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL RECEIVES COVETED RANK AFTER TESTS

St. Anthony's hospital, Michigan City, has been placed in the class "A" rank by the American college of Surgeons, which places it on a par with city hospitals throughout the country.

In order to be a part of this approved classification, the hospital was submitted to a very rigid investigation, it was announced at the annual meeting of the medical staff recently. Each year hereafter the institution will undergo a thorough examination to remain in the class, it was stated.

Officers Elected
During the business hour, held in connection with the annual banquet, Dr. Russell A. Gilmore was elected president to succeed Dr. E. G. Blinks

who has held that post with credit for the past year; Dr. L. E. Stephenson was chosen vice-president to succeed Dr. Robert Lee Kerrigan and Dr. Almer R. Killough, was renamed secretary.

Seated with the officials were: Drs. Whitefield Bowers, J. V. Kerrigan, L. E. Stephenson, J. H. Foster, J. D. Price, G. C. Kasdorf, P. H. Weeks, J. P. Vye, A. F. Killian, the latter of Chicago; W. L. Hettkle and F. O. Higbee, of Three Oaks, Mich.; I. Muir, of New Buffalo, Mich.; M. K. Baird, city bacteriologist, and Dr. C. M. Clare, of Winnipeg, Canada, who is here with Dr. J. Preston Vye, to be associated with Dr. F. R. Warren in his new city clinic. Dr. Vye is also from Winnipeg.

DRY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN DISPLAY RELIGIOUS RANCOR

Shout "Amens" to Sen. Heflin's Attacks On Catholicism—Later Listen to Col. Callahan's Reply.

Washington.—The final session of the National Women's Democratic Law Enforcement League here recently, which presumably was to be a rally for the "dry" cause, was for more than two hours turned into a shouting anti-Catholic "camp meeting."

Senator Heflin, of Alabama, who recently admitted under oath that he took money last summer from Klansmen and Protestant ministers for attacks on the Catholic Church on a lecture tour, was the chief speaker. He opened his address of more than two hours by discussing the "wet and dry" issue. But he came around rapidly to an attack on Governor Smith of New York, and from that plunged into his old theme of attacking the Catholic Church and Catholics generally. The Church itself is fighting prohibition, was the burden of his remarks.

From this point on, the speech was a long, rambling rehearsal of the wild charges against Catholics which earned the Alabamian the withering contempt of the Senate at its last session. But if the United States Senate found nothing but ridicule for Heflin's pompous flights, the audience of about one hundred women here was different.

There were constant "Amens" from various quarters of the meeting room, and when Heflin modestly told the women that he knew "much more about the Pope" than he could tell them, there were cries of "Go on."

Callahan Answers Heflin.

At the conclusion of the Heflin speech, an unannounced speaker, Patrick H. Callahan, Catholic "dry" of Louisville, Ky., arose. He spoke simply and directly, and in a conciliatory manner. Some confusing and faulty ideas had been implanted, he believed, on the subject of his religion. There are "dry" Catholics as well as "wet" Catholics, he said, and the matter of religion has nothing to do with the issue; it stands as a single question, without such entanglements. He then specifically denied each of Heflin's strictures against the Catholic Church, as well as the Alabamian's charge that newspaper reporters of the country gave an unwarranted pro-Catholic flavor to their articles.

The result of Mr. Callahan's remarks was to stem the anti-Catholic enthusiasm which the Heflin outburst had apparently aroused, and to leave the women in at least a doubtful frame of mind.

It was noticeable that in the League's discussion generally, all "wet" leaders of the party were assailed, including Senator Reed of Missouri and Governor Ritchie of Maryland. In the Heflin speech, however, only one "wet" candidate was attacked directly—the Catholic Governor Smith of New York.

The sacred congregation of Cardinals de propaganda fide, commonly called the Congregation of Propaganda, which had been contemplated by Gregory XIII, was practically established by Gregory XV (1622), to guard, direct, and promote the foreign missions. Urban VIII (1623-1644) instituted the "College of Propaganda" as a part of the same design.

Twelve Hundred Hear Governor Ritchie, Senator Reed and Evans Woollen Warn Against Attempts to Impose Religious Tests On Candidates.

Washington, D. C.—Declarations against religious tests for public office and pleas for tolerance uttered by some of the most conspicuous leaders of the Democratic party were received with long and loud demonstrations of approval by the more than 1200 men and women attending the Jackson Day dinner at the Mayflower hotel here recently. It was a group representing not only the wings of the Democratic party but the various sections of the country and various classes of Americans.

Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, John W. Davis, Democratic presidential nominee in 1924, and Evans Woollen, a banker of Indianapolis, one of the several candidates for the Democratic nomination for president, were among those who declared the religious issue in politics.

Gov. Ritchie spoke before the audi-

ence began to dwindle as midnight approached and while all various groups were fully represented. His complimentary reference to Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York were followed by his declaration that whatever the qualifications of an aspirant to public office in the United States, "most certainly it is not what may be his religious creed." This was evidently regarded by the diners as an application of his statement to Gov. Smith, who is opposed by many because he is a Catholic. There was an explosion of applause, and then hundreds rose from their seats and stood cheering and clapping for more than a minute.

Equally strong and unequivocal was Evans Woollen's condemnation of religious prejudices as the basis of selecting public officials. "The worst thing that can happen the Democratic party would be a dose of bigotry," he declared.

THE MEXICAN BISHOPS ADDRESS AN OPEN LETTER TO CALLES

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terms, which, at your suggestion, nearly two million citizens presented in defense of their most sacred rights.

"(b) On the other hand, in the same Congress there has not been found a single Representative of the people willing to oppose the amendment of laws which refer to the interests of foreigners; and only an insignificant minority of these Representatives raised their voices against the amendment of the articles covering the precept of no re-election.

"There is no one who does not understand that the cessation of public worship, which we all lament, was forced upon us, not alone by the articles requiring that priests in charge of temples be registered, but also and principally, because the laws completely suppressed liberty of worship, of association, of education, and of property, and all of these are indispensable to the life of the Church in society.

"In view of what we have briefly explained, we do not hesitate to ask you, as the President of the Republic, to give your attention to these just petitions and find a solution for this controversy because, so long as it separates us, it will be the source, or serve as a pretext, for disturbances and discontent.

"We assure you, Mr. President, of our respectful consideration.

(Signed) FOR THE COMMITTEE OF BISHOPS,

"Pascual Diaz, Bishop of Tabasco."

This letter was mailed direct to President Calles in Mexico City and a copy was sent to Mexican Ambassador Tellez in Washington.

"BALLOON BUSTER" WORLD WAR HERO WAS CATHOLIC

Washington.—Lieut. Frank Luke, Jr., a member of the 27th Aero Squadron and the only airman ever to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, was a member of Immaculate Conception parish, Phoenix, Ariz.

It has been established by the Bureau of Historical Records, N. C. W. C., here.

Lieutenant Luke is said to have shot down fourteen enemy balloons and four planes in a remarkably short time. He was killed in action.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luke, both natives of Germany, were the parents of the heroic American aviator. Mr. Luke, Sr., was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor which was awarded posthumously to his son. The Rev. Novatus Benzling, O.F.M., pastor of Immaculate Conception church in Phoenix, has certified the young lieutenant to the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Historical Records as one of his parishioners who laid down his life for his country in the World War.

Catholic Peace Conference Program

Washington.—Plans for the annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace to be held in this city during the coming Easter Week include a special session at which two prominent Latin-Americans will discuss "The Attitude of Latin-Americans Toward the United States."

UNUSUAL INCIDENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Richmond, Va.—A hospital case with an unusual religious admixture is reported by Miss Frances P. Reusch, Public Health Nurse, in The Echo, Virginia State Board of Health publication.

Agencies of mercy of three religious groups—Jewish, Protestant and Catholic—combined, it seems, in alleviating the suffering of a member of the Baptist Church. For good measure, the beneficiary of these services was a Negro.

It happened in Princess Anne County, Virginia. Miss Reusch reports that a white Episcopal minister took a colored Baptist patient to a Jewish hospital, where he was operated upon by a Catholic surgeon. He is recovering.

Acclamation is the elevation to an ecclesiastical dignity by the unanimous voice of the electors, without voting. This is one of the three modes in which a Pope may be elected, and the election is said to "per inspirationem," because "all the Cardinals, with a sudden and harmonious consent, as though breathed on by the Divine Spirit, proclaim some person Pontifex with one voice, without any previous canvassing or negotiations, whence fraud or insidious suggestion could be surmised."



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